IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
••	:	Examiner: B. Mouttet
KOTA UCHIDA)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2853
Appln. No.: Unassigned (Divisional of)	
Appln. No. 09/901,041 filed	:	
July 10, 2001))	
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Filed: August 22, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS,)	
IMAGE RECORDING METHOD,	:	
STORAGE MEDIUM WHICH)	
STORES COMPUTER-READABLE	:	
PROGRAM AND THE SAME)	
PROGRAM	:	August 22, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.